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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING FGT'S: ELECTRICAL PROJECTS

1. DAMASCUS BUSINESSMAN AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEER (AND EX-MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY) HANI SAWF HAS BRIEFED EMBASSY ON FORTHCOMING PROJECTS TO BE TENDERED BY THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY. THEY INCLUDE:

--SUBSTATIONS: CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NEW SUBSTATIONS AND ENLARGEMENT OF EIGHT EXISTING SUBSTATIONS, 230/66 KV. EST. VALUE: 20M DOLS., FINANCED BY IBRD LOAN. TENDER EXPECTED AUGUST, 1977.

--PREPARATION OF STUDIES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 200 KM. OVERHEAD LINE, BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND HAMA, FOR TRANSPORT OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY ON 400 KV; TWO SUBSTATIONS 400/230 KV. THIS WILL BE FIRST PHASE OF NATION-WIDE 400 KV SYSTEM. CALL FOR OFFERS EXPECTED WITHIN FOUR MONTHS.

--RURAL ELECTRIFICATION: EXTENSION OF ELECTRICAL
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POWER TO 5000 VILLAGES. EST. TOTAL VALUE: 200M. DOLS; FIRST PHASE 70M. DOLS. IBRD AND USAID WILL FINANCE. FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE BY FRENCH FIRM SOFRELEC. CALL FOR OFFERS BEFORE END OF 1977. (EMBASSY COMMENT: USAID HAS EARMARKED 34.5 M. DOLS FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN FY 77; THIS SUM MUST STILL BE APPROVED BY USAID LOAN COMMITTEE AND

CONGRESS INFORMED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IBRD PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT IS NOT YET FINISHED (DUE PROBABLY NOVEMBER) AND THAT THE IBRD LOAN WILL NOT BE NEGOTIATED UNTIL THE APPRAISAL REPORT IS CONSIDERED.)

--INSTALLATION OF 300MW STEAM POWER STATION IN DAMASCUS (TO BE ENLARGED LATER TO 600MW). EST. COST 150M. DOLS. TO BE TENDERED MID-QOUM MINISTRY IS INTERESTED IN SECURING A FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPARINGMDVANTAGEAROF CONVENTIONAL STEAM TURBINE UNIT AGAINST GAS TURBINE/ STEAM TURBINE UNIT. SAWAF SAYS WESTINGHOUSE HAS A PROCESS USING THE LATTER COMBINED GAS/STEAM GENERATION.

2. SAWAF IS TRAVELLING TO US JULY 10 ON FAMILY BUSINESS AND WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH US FIRMS INTERESTED IN THESE SYRIAN PROJECTS. REQUEST USDOC TO CABLE US LIST SUCH INTERESTED FIRMSASAP TO TRANSMIT TO SAWAF. PELLETREAU

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